

Minutes of the **BAYFIELD COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Members Present via TEAMS: James Crandall, Marty Milanowski, Jeremy Oswald, Larry Fickbohm and Steve Sandstrom

Others Present: Paul Johanik, Highway Commissioner, Cheri Deragon, Office Manager/Accountant, Jake Brandis, Shop Foreman, Mark Ables-Allison, County Administrator

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman James Crandall.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2021. A motion by Fickbohm / Sandstrom and carried to approve the Highway Committee Meeting Schedule for 2021.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Milanowski / Fickbohm and carried to approve the minutes of October 7, 2020.

Audit vouchers: Vouchers were audited. A motion by Milanowski / Sandstrom and carried to approve the vouchers as presented totaling \$2,220,141.23.

Financial reports discussion. Discussion regarding the need for a budget amendment for 2020, which will be on the February 3, 2021 Agenda.

No public comment.

Commissioner Reports:

- A. All 2020 projects were completed except for paving at the Iron River garage.
- B. Discussion on the sale of two highway properties.
 - a. CTH M and Randysek Road in Cable, which is currently a Legion Park. Motion by Sandstrom/Fickbohm and carried to take no action at this time and to have a letter of support from the Town of Cable Board first.
 - b. CTH J and Trailer Park Road intersection, on Old County J, which is less than an acre. Motion by Milanowski/Sandstrom and carried to send to Land Sales.
- C. Discussion of the seven bids the Highway Department received on the Quad Axle that's to be purchased in 2021. Five bids didn't make spec. The choice of the Highway Department was approximately \$4,000 higher than the other bid. Motion by Milanowski/Fickbohm and carried to support going with the bid of choice, due to higher specs.
- D. Discussion on what to do with the old radio's once we receive the new radios. More information is needed from DSC on what it will take to setup for others. After we receive this information from DSC it will be added to the Agenda for further review.
- E. Highway Department was able to add a used brine maker to the Port Wing garage which came from Douglas County.
- F. Update on LRIP-S. This is the old MLS that we were awarded \$1 million for County Highway J. We will be sending out consultant list for engineering. The GTA the Highway Department receives each year is based on construction and bonding of 9-10 miles per year.
- G. Discussion on DOT Connect 2050. There is a web page where you can take a survey on what you would like to see in the next 30 years.
- H. Budget Amendments for 2020. This was discussed with the financial reports.
- I. Planning for 2022 Budget.

Committee Input: Discussions on email that Crandall received from a town wanting to close a segment to ATV/UTV use. Highway Committee would need to receive a formal letter from the Town Board stating their reasons why they are requesting this segment to be closed. If/when we receive that formal letter it will be added to the Agenda for further discussion. Discussion presented by Fickbohm regarding invasive plant training for highway employees to be scheduled in the spring.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Paul Johanik, Highway Commissioner Bayfield County Highway Department

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